City of Washougal Resolution No. 951

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND ENCOURAGING THE FORMAL ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE GOALS

WHEREAS, the City of Washougal, Washington is the western gateway to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area; and

WHEREAS, the City is blessed with this natural beauty, resources and economic opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of maintaining our livable home full of natural beauty and resources while developing our economy; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the regional and global strain on these natural systems; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide our future generations with a healthy environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, implementation of sustainability goals will help to enhance our environment, our beauty, and our resources;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHSINGTON, THAT IN ORDER TO INITIATE MEANINGFUL SUSTAINABILTIY, THE CITY WILL BEGIN THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Conduct an energy efficiency and water conservation audit of all city facilities, identifying specific improvements and an implementation plan.
- 2. Encourage the City use and development of renewable, domestic energy sources.
- 3. Increase city-wide recycling. Work with citizens and Waste Connections to determine the current recycling baseline and report annually on recycling progress.
- 4. Determine Washougal's carbon footprint and establish strategies, goals and timeline for the reduction of carbon emissions.
- 5. Plant and protect our City trees.
- 6. Utilize hybrid vehicles and other forms of clean transportation within the city fleet where feasible.
- 7. Build infrastructure for and encourage the use of pedestrian and bicycle transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF WASHOUGAL RECOGNIZES EMERGING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITES AND, WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, WILL SEEK TO BE A LEADER IN THIS NEW ECONOMIC SECTOR, FULFILLING THE VISION FOR A PROPSEROUS, HEALTHY, AND GREEN FUTURE BY:

- 1. Developing and encouraging water conservation programs and policies for use by our citizens and businesses.
- 2. Creating incentives and considering requirements for green buildings.
- 3. Joining and collaborating with other cities and organizations that are leaders in seeking sustainability.
- 4. Creating a standing sustainability committee comprised of citizens and businesses to assist the City in this significant effort.

ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 2007 at Washougal's downtown dedication ceremony.